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Sayoko Matsumoto et al.) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Application No.: 10/574,583) Examiner: Unassigned
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For: METHOD OF STRETCHING) Confirmation No.: 3961
SINGLE-STRANDED NUCLEIC)
ACID, SINGLE-STRANDED)
NUCLEIC ACID STRETCHING)
SYSTEM AND DNA CHIP)

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for this application.

A copy of the listed foreign document is attached. Copies of the U.S. publications are not attached.

Attached is a copy of an English translation of a Written Opinion in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived. The references cited were submitted along with an Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 4, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate they were considered by making an appropriate notation on the attached form.

An English abstract of Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2000-060554 is attached. This Japanese publication also relates to U.S. Patent Nos. 6,183,970 and 6,514,702.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the documents.

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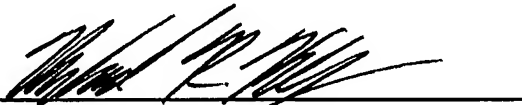
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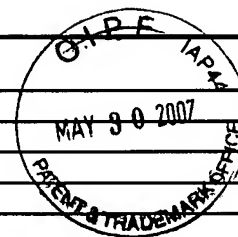
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